(c) The report of NCAER deals with the issue of choice to select power supplier by consumers. The report also refers to sub-section (2) of Section 42 of the Electricity Act, 2003 which provides for open access to distribution networks to all consumers of 1 MW and above within a limit of 5 years.

Implementation of Loktak Down Stream and Tipaimukh Power Projects in Manipur

1553. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Power projects in Manipur namely Tipaimukh Dam and Loktak Down Stream are going to be implemented;

(b) if answer to (a) is affirmative the names of the agencies and the time schedule of implementation of the projects; and

(c) if answer to (a) above is in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) The Tipaimukh Hydro Electric Multipurpose Project (1500 MW) on river Barak in Manipur was accorded Techno-Economic Clearance by the Central Electricity Authority on 02.07.2003 at an estimated cost of Rs. 5163.86 crores including IDC at December, 2002 price level. The project is scheduled for commissioning in 87 months from the date of investment approval.

The Standing Committee on Energy has recommended to exclude the expenses on security, flood moderation and road from the project cost so as to make the tariff viable. Also as benefits from flood moderation, constructions of roads, etc. are to be shared by the State Governments, funds released for flood control and construction of roads by respective Ministries should be infused in these projects.

Steps have been initiated to bring down the tariff to make it commercially, viable and saleable after adding the transmission costs as the power would need to be wheeled out of the N.E. Region, in line with the recommendations made by the Standing Committee on Energy. In the meantime, North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Ltd. (NEEPCO) has recently been asked to complete the field studies for the project at site including validating the Detailed Project Report (DPR) data.

The Loktak Down Stream Hydro electric Project (90 MW) in Manipur was sanctioned by the Government of India in December, 1999 at an estimated cost of Rs. 578.60 crores for implementation by the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) in the Central Sector. The scheduled construction period was $6^{1/2}$ Years Work on the project could not be started due to adverse security environment in the area and non-finalization of Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) with the State Governments due to high tariff (cost of security being part of the project cost).

Requirement of power in the country

1554. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state;

(a) the total power requirement in the country and its break-up, State or region-wise;

(b) the present capacity to meet the total requirements and what is the shortfall; and

(c) the steps being taken to ensure that total power requirement of the country is met and what is the time-frame for this?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) During the period April-July 2004, State-wise power supply position in the country is given in the Statement (See below)

(b) The installed generating capacity as on 31.07.2004 was 1,12,706 MW. The energy and peaking shortages during the current year (April-July 2004) was 6.1 % and 11.3% respectively.

(c) Electricity is a concurrent subject. Supply and distribution of electricity in a State is the responsibility of the State Government/State Power Utility concerned which decides the priorities of power supply to various categories of consumers/areas in the State. Government of India only supplements the efforts of the State Governments by setting up of power plants through Central Public Sector Undertakings in Central Sector.